

10. (Amended) A method for culturing cells and/or a microorganism, comprising the steps of:
- providing a disposable liner forming a reservoir having an opening;
  - attaching the liner to a closure to close the opening;
  - introducing into the reservoir a cell suspension comprised of culture medium and one of cells or a microorganism;
  - culturing the cells or microorganism in the reservoir;
  - detaching the liner from the closure after culturing the cells or microorganism;
  - and
  - attaching a second liner to the closure.
17. (Amended) A method for culturing cells and/or a microorganism, comprising the steps of:
- providing a first flexible plastic reservoir having a first opening;
  - introducing a culture media into the first reservoir;
  - introducing cells or a microorganism into the first reservoir;
  - closing the first opening;
  - providing a second reservoir having culture media;
  - circulating the culture media between the first reservoir and the second reservoir through the first opening.

#### **REMARKS**

In the Official Action dated 12/14/2001, the Examiner rejected the pending claims under §112 and §102. In light of the amendments to the claims and the following discussion, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection.

#### **§112 Rejection**

In claims 1, 3 and 6, the recitation of cell suspensions has been corrected to recite cell suspension to eliminate any lack of antecedent basis in the